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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plane)

SUBJECT

: Single Helio

- i. This report has been a long time coming; however, the Helio picture has been a fluid one with many conflicting reports to confuse the issue. I believe now a horizon has emerged that can be discerned.
- 2. We have been involved with a total of 14 Single Helios to date. DPD purchased 11 and 3 were given to us by USAF. Breakdown is as follows:

Eglin (Det. 1)

OTR
Helio Mfg. Co. (Being repaired

after accident in Guatemala)

Division)

(Destroyed)

1 Destroyed

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- 3. We have requested ______to purchase two additional aircraft for the Far East. This is being negotiated at the present time.
- 4. When the above actions are completed, our Single Helio position should remain at this level until further indications in the proprietaries in Bangkok and Africa justify additional equipment. New area division

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requirements not in the present DPD inventory will be placed in our stable as they arise; however, I believe that shifting Singles if and when they are replaced by Twins may take care of new requests.

5. The Single Helio is our bread and butter for back country operations at the present time; however, the advent of the Twin Helio and Donier aircraft with STOL capabilities will undoubtedly supplant part of the Single fleet, not only because of the increase in payload but the desirable twin engine safety feature. We will have additional information for you on the Helio and Donier within the next few weeks.

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